

Re: OT: Religion in CLC posts WAS: Re: MF Collection Class speed

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Howard Brazee wrote:

> *On 3-Mar-2005, Peter Lacey <lacey@mb.sympatico.ca> wrote:*

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>>*To this day most people do not understand how*

>>*computers actually work.*

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> *They also don't understand how radios or nerves work. But figure out how to*

> *get what they want from them.*

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> *It used to be that a baby-sitter didn't need to get trained on how to use the*

> *phone and the TV set when left with your children, but things aren't so simple*

> *now.*

You maybe Howard but not this rocket scientist operating from home. I get my tips from here, clc – not Calgary.

My son buys me a DVD player for Christmas. Think to myself, "That's bloody useless – I've only got VCRs". Well he loans me his copy of LOTR (Part I), then subsequently "King Arthur" and "Troy" – I preferred the latter of the trio.

Ah ha ! Nearly forgot this. Couldn't get my VCR to work as a result of attaching the DVD – nor could my son, who isn't too high-tech, but sensible. Shopping for my new XP and talking to a salesman, a lady overhears my comments, and suggests "Contact Shaw they will do it for nothing". Shaw is both my TV cable-provider and ISP. Phone – sure enough girl says we will send somebody out and not charge you.

Firstly he adds fresh wiring so that I've got leeway to move the equipment around – but then – connects firstly through the DVD player and then through the VCR player before making the connection to the TV set. Now unless you are an electrical/electronic geek you'd never figure that one. And as he said, they constantly get calls from people with

\$3,000 to \$4,000 setups who haven't a clue how to configure their entertainment unit.

Some off the cuff remark I made, and my son said, "Sure gimme one". So I gave him a Vivaldi CD – magic – I've got music coming out of my TV. Yes I know you can do things with media players on computers – but had never considered the possibility of a similar approach with a TV configuration.

Not being tech interested – I'm not into cameras. Completely turned off by the jargon – apertures, sunlight, whatever. Real simple when I was a kid. A box Brownie – point the bloody thing and hope you got a decent black and white. Digital cameras ? Roughly four weeks ago, my wife goes in for some re-prints. Young girl swings into action, thinking I'm another customer. "Nope. I'm with that lady at the counter". Anyway, nice girl. She and I chat and she moves me over to the digital display. I had absolutely no concept of digital = a CD containing your photographic images, and more importantly the CD can be re-used. Then two weeks later, quite by accident, I read digitals are currently some 80% plus of camera sales.

Familiarity breeds contempt. Well not really 'contempt', but rather 'knowledge'.

Jimmy